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SUBJ: JORDAN WHEAT

REF: STATE 172404, AMMAN 4962

1. LUTFI OF JORDANIAN EMBASSY STATES HE NOW HAS CABLE FROM AMMAN DIRECTING HIM TO DROP EFFORTS CANCEL CCC PURCHASE OF WHEAT. WE HOLDING ACTION YOUR REFTEL PENDING CONFIRMATION THIS INFORMATION.

2. LUTFI, IN MEANTIME, IS PROCEEDING WITH ARRANGEMENTS TO SHIP CCC WHEAT. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE INQUIRING ABOUT STATUS OF REFTEL AMENDMENT OF TITLE I AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PURCHASE ABOUT 5000 MT OF WHEAT. HE HAS CHARTERED 22,000 TON VESSEL TO DEPART US IN FIRST WEEK OF OCTOBER, AND EXPECTED TO TOP OFF 19,000 MT CCC PURCHASE WITH QUANTITY FROM AMENDMENT PURCHASE.

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3. ABOVE MEANS THAT LUTFI WILL SHIP ODD LOT OF 2000 MT WHEN SPACE AVAILABLE ON AQABA BOUND VESSEL. SHIPPING ARRANGEMENTS COULD PERHAPS BE RATIONALIZED IF JORDAN ARMY WOULD MAKE ITS WHEAT PURCHASES HERE TOO. JAA CARGOES COULD THEN BE SHIPPED JOINTLY IN LARGE VESSELS. JAA SHIFTING ITS PURCHASES TO EUROPE, HOWEVER, REPORTEDLY BECAUSE POUCHING BIDS FROM WASHINGTON TO AMMAN IN ADVANCE, THEN

REPLYING TO WASHINGTON, TAKES SUCH A LONG TIME. COULD JAA AUTHORIZE ITS MILATT TO ACT ON HIS OWN, PERHAPS WITHIN CERTAIN LIMITS OR IN CONJUNCTION WITH MORE EXPERIENCED LUTFI, TO PLACE ORDERS HERE? SUCH DISCRETION MIGHT ALLOW JAA BENEFIT FROM MARKET DIPS IN US AS WELL AS AVOID RELATIVELY COSTLY SHIPMENTS OF ODD LOTS. RUSH

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